

The Congressional High Tech Caucus

Invites You to Attend

A Roundtable Discussion on Cyber Threats to Government and Private Information Systems

Watch how cyber criminals trade stolen personal data: Demonstration at
10:45 am *

October is *National Cyber Security Awareness Month*. The bipartisan Congressional High Tech Caucus is pleased to invite you to participate in our roundtable discussion on the growing number of cyber intrusions to government and private sector information systems. The increasing number of information security breaches threatens privacy, consumers' identities and our national security. This week, it was revealed that the largest data security breach in U.S. history was more than twice as bad as initially reported. Instead of impacting 46 million consumers, documents now indicate hackers earlier this year made off with more than 95 million credit and debit cards numbers from computer systems at TJX stores; in late August, it was reported that 1.6 million personal records stolen from Monster.com were found on a computer in Ukraine.

Cyber criminals are becoming organized and innovative in attacking for profit and nefarious motives. 20 nations now have a cyber warfare program. Estonia was recently crippled by denial-of-service attacks coming from a network of bots, reportedly from Russia. Recently, some 150 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) computers were compromised from June-October 2006 by hackers using a Chinese-language web site. In 2006, large scale data breaches occurred at the Department of Veterans Affairs, the IRS, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Agriculture and TSA.

There is rising debate in Congress on how to best combat the growing cyber threat. Several bipartisan pieces of cyber security legislation covering government and the private sector are currently under consideration. The Congressional High Tech Caucus is bringing together a panel that represents key stakeholders including consumers, information security experts, financial services and the federal government.

Date: Wednesday, October 31st, 2007

Time: 10:00 am-11:15 am

Location: TBD (Members, staff, consumer advocates, industry representatives and media welcome.)

Guest Speakers: (moderated by **Tim Jemal**, *Cyber Security Industry Alliance*)

- **Hugo Teufel III**
Chief Privacy Officer, *Department of Homeland Security*
- **John McCumber**
Strategic Programs Manager, *Symantec Corporation*
- **Jeannine Kenney**
Senior Policy Analyst, *Consumers Union*
- **Stuart Pratt**
President, *Consumer Data Industry Association (CDIA)*
- **Richard Howard**
Director, iDefense Security Intelligence, *VeriSign*
- * Immediately following the event, Symantec will provide the High Tech Caucus with a technology demonstration of its “DarkVision” system which is a state-of-the-art application for visualizing and tracking the underground economy servers that cyber criminals use globally to trade personal data, such as credit card and social security numbers. This live demonstration will allow staff and members to witness actual real conversations that have taken place between cyber criminals on underground economy servers; including the exchange of stolen credit cards, individuals’ identities and other personal information which is traded globally for profit among organized criminal networks.

The United States should be on the forefront of emerging technologies and high tech industries. By promoting dialogue and soliciting briefings on issues of interest, the Caucus strives to strengthen relations between Members of Congress and those involved in the tech industry. Our High Tech Caucus gives industry leaders, university and private researchers and interested groups the ability to share their ideas to improve our high tech sector, expand job growth and improve American competitiveness.

If you are interested in joining the Congressional High Tech Caucus, please have your staff contact Brooke Jamison in Congresswoman Kirsten Gillibrand’s office (5-5614) or Gene Irisari in Congressman McCaul’s office (5-2401).

Thank you,

/s
Rep. Michael McCaul

/s
Rep. Kirsten Gillibrand

Current Membership:

Gillibrand, McCaul, Bilbray, Issa, Sessions, Carter, Reichert, Wu, E.B. Johnson, Honda, Barton, Hall, Inslee, Kennedy, McCotter, Brady (TX), Kuhl, Mack, Lipinski, G. Davis, Conaway, McHenry, McMorris-Rodgers, Manzullo, Shuster, Dent, Blackburn, Wolf, Cantor, Sullivan, Burgess, Marchant, Camp, Feeney, Rohrabacher, Bono, Kirk, Boren, McNerney, Courtney, Eshoo, Mahoney, Melancon, Shuler, Klein, Yarmuth, Shea-Porter, Matheson, Jackson-Lee, Waxman, Lofgren